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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 03539

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF SRV VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN TO NEW ZEALAND

REF: USS HAROLD E. HOLT DTG 071310Z JULY 78 (NOTAL)

1. ASIAN DIVISION SOURCE AT MFA ADVISED EMBOFF JULY 10 THAT GNZ HAD ALSO RECEIVED A "VERY SHORT NOTICE REQUEST" IN EARLY JULY FOR JULY 20-25 VISIT OF SRV VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN. REQUEST CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE TO GNZ INASMUCH AS NEW SRV AMBASSADOR NGUYEN BA BAO HAD ADVISED MFA AS RECENTLY AS THE MIDDLE OF JUNE THAT PHAN HIEN WOULD BE UNABLE TO VISIT NZ BEFORE 1979.

2. IN REQUESTING PHAN HIEN VISIT, SRV ADVISED MFA THAT HIEN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SRV-NZ ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS. MFA OFFICIALS, HOW-  
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EVER, BELIEVE TRUE PURPOSE IS TO EXPLAIN SRV VIEW OF ITS DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH PRC AND CAMBODIA. NZ OFFICIALS HAVE EVEN SPECULATED THAT PHAN HIEN WILL SUGGEST NZ USE ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA TO HELP BRING ABOUT IMPROVED SRV-CHINA UNDERSTANDING. SHOULD SUCH A SUGGESTION FOR A COURIER ROLE BE MADE, SOURCE SAID GNZ WOULD POLITELY REFUSE.

3. PHAN HIEN'S PROGRAM FOR FIVE-DAY NZ VISIT INCLUDES:  
OFFICIAL MEETINGS JULY 21 IN WELLINGTON WITH PRIMIN  
MULDOON AND FONMIN TALBOYS, AND EVENING SOCIAL FUNCTION  
HOSTED BY PRIMIN. REMAINDER OF VISIT WILL BE ESSENTIALLY  
SIGHTSEEING IN AUCKLAND AND IN GEOTHERMAL REGION OF  
NZ NEAR ROTORUA. A SIDE TRIP WILL INCLUDE VISIT TO  
PALMERSTON NORTH FOR EXAMINATION OF EXPERIMENTAL DAIRYING  
TECHNIQUES IN WHICH PHAN HIEN REPORTEDLY HAS INTEREST.  
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